



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Stevens Remains Timber Sale #30-084301 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2609902 is a one unit variable retention harvest (VRH) encompassing 21.9 acres, excluding leave tree areas the net harvest acres are 20.8. Approximately 638 MBF of timber will be removed with this timber sale proposal. Approximately 905 feet of new road construction, and 6,107' feet of pre-haul maintenance are planned in conjuncture with this proposal. Following completion of harvest 450' of road will be decommissioned.

**Description of mitigation:** The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120) The sale is outside known owl management areas, and is in 60 year-old timber not considered to be habitat.

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

This stand was identified as re-classified habitat. 18 acres are available from the Stevens Creek WAU for release, of which 12 acres are included within the proposal. This ensures that at least 1/2 of the reclassified habitat (per WAU) remains throughout the interim HCP agreement.

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-150)

All streams adjacent to or within this sale meet or exceed the HCP required buffers.

Type 5 (including RMZ units) have a 30' foot no equipment zone applied to them

Road construction and logging operations will be in compliance with the HPA, HCP, and Forest Practice rules to mitigate possible adverse effects on RMZs.

Slope Stability: (Procedure PR-14-004-050)

There are no unstable slopes within or adjacent to this proposal.

Retention Trees: (Procedure PR-14-006-090)

A total of 175 trees were selected and either clumped or scattered throughout the proposal area.

Roads:

Road construction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP, HPA, and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage by installing additional, and replacing inadequate, culverts that will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

This proposed timber sale is located 6 road miles Northeast of Humptulips, Washington off the Rayonier 7500 road system. It is located in parts of Section 36 T21N, R10W, W.M.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 18, 2009. Comments must be submitted by June 1, 2009.**

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**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**

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